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Prove Them Liars, Mr. Penrose
 TWO responsible citizens charge through the columns of a financially responsible newspaper that Boies Penrose, candidate for the United States Senate, confessed to them that he personally contributed a third of the \$188,000 corruption fund used to debase the Reuben administration.

Boies Penrose's answer to this accusation is that the newspaper in question is a yellow journal and that its editor is in despair on account of the "low in circulation which he is sustaining by reason of another newspaper trying to get into the muck-raking business which he heretofore has pre-empted." Boies Penrose also declares that the charge "is a malicious, deliberate tissue of lies," and this he follows with a "tu quoque" argument.

It is detrimental to the interests of the State that untruths should be circulated. "A malicious tissue of lies," if given wide circulation, may readily be more destructive of the social order than the debauchery of an elected official. In this case, it may even cause the defeat of a candidate; and it would be the crowning shame of Pennsylvania to defeat any man on account of a libel and falsehood. Better Penrose victorious than Penrose defeated by a lie.

No, no, Mr. Penrose! If this charge is false, you must prove it. Give the people who believe in you, as well as those who do not, the satisfaction of knowing that you personally, at least, have not had your own hands in a slush fund. Drive these men whom you call "liars" into the open. Do not let them escape. There is a greater sin than any with which you are charged, if they have not told the truth.

But if they have not lied; if what common report believed to be true three years ago is true; if you, the senior Senator, did do these things—but you hesitate. Why?

Still Going to School
 THE announcement of a program of 30 lectures arranged for this season by the University Extension Society interests a large part of the public. Such courses afford an educational opportunity which deserves appreciation; and their influence is not confined to any one class of people. They contribute largely to the culture and scholarship of the community as a whole, and as for the beneficiaries of the individual, it is altogether to his advantage that after education has ceased to be his vocation it should become his avocation.

Auguries of Woman Suffrage
 IF THE replies of candidates for the State Senate and Assembly are any criterion of the composite mind of the next Legislature, it is reasonably certain that a suffrage amendment to the Constitution will be submitted to the people of the Commonwealth. And if so submitted it will be morally certain to pass.

There may be a feeling of conservative prejudice against extending the franchise to women, but no argument, based either upon the functions of government or the qualifications of women, has yet been framed that can stand the test of impartial logic. There cannot be a "government of the people, for the people and by the people," with a half of the people omitted.

Brumbaugh and the Highways
 WITH the taxpayers of the State stirred to indignation over the affairs of the Highway Department, Brumbaugh's declaration on roads is construed to mean that Bigelow will be ousted.

"I am not satisfied," said the Doctor, "with your present road proposition, and I intend to see that when it is reorganized it shall be officered and conducted by men not only known to me to be conscientious and efficient, but also known to you to be that kind of men."

Considering his close connection with the Penrose forces of Pittsburgh, there can be no doubt that Bigelow's appointment by Governor Tener was a Penrose appointment. The administration of the State Highway Department is the inevitable fruit of Penroseism.

Doctor Brumbaugh will alter that. Having no alliance whatever with Penrose, refusing to accept the State Republican campaign fund for his expenses and daily asserting with increasing emphasis that he is unbiased and unbossed, there is no shadow of a doubt that Brumbaugh will make a clean sweep of the Highway Department. Of all the public officials it ought certainly to be put upon a firm business basis.

Way for the Army-Navy Game
 UNCLE SAM has stepped into the Army-Navy game squabble. Whether he has a birch behind his back isn't settled. But the effect is just as sure. The children are going to "make up" and finish their game. Uncle Sam says so.

West Point and Annapolis have not cut pretty figures. It hasn't helped matters that Secretary Daniels was compelled to step in. But that doesn't alter the fact that Philadelphia will be glad to see the game here this fall. In the language of the children themselves, let bygones be bygones. The game's the thing.

average person just hasn't any confidence in the cleanliness of the other colors.
 But the end is near. For a year or more the baby specialists have been banishing that starchy, eye-straining pallor from the nurseries and the Mother-Hubbards of the young. Tints of green and blue and tan have been prayed for in order to ease up on baby's eyes. And now the doctors have pushed the war on this white plague another step by chasing it out of the operating rooms of a large St. Louis hospital. Some doctor, who thoughtlessly contracted appendicitis, probably observed the terrorizing effect of dead white walls and ghostlike aprons on the susceptible patient. Anyway the color that is no color must go. People must wash up whether the dirt shows or not. Another victory for the human will.

Quandary of Decent Republicans
 THREE Republican men of affairs were dining together last night in a fashionable Philadelphia hotel. One was a manufacturer and bank president, another was a manufacturer and bank director and the third was a corporation lawyer and bank director. They were typically prosperous men, who had made their own fortunes by their own initiative.

All three agreed that it was impossible to vote for Penrose, because they concurred in the judgment that he is the Mephistopheles of the Republican party. They differed sharply on Pinchot and Palmer. In conclusion, they decided that they would not vote at all on November 3 because of their quandary.

The EVENING LEDGER has reason to believe that this is exactly the position in which thousands of self-respecting Republicans find themselves. But there is an evasion that is almost cowardice in refusing to vote. If Penrose has been the curse of the Republican party, it is the first duty of every Republican to eliminate him. To do otherwise is to let the party go to the dogs by default. A cancer is never cured by ignoring it. The Republican party will never get better if the decent men in the party grant it immunity and give it every encouragement to get worse.

Republicanism needs the surgeon's knife. The only way to save the party is to cut away the diseased part. The immediate result may be seeming loss; the ultimate issue will be triumphant victory. Republicans should fight the battle of 1914 in full view of the election of 1916.

Wrong Kind of Publicity
 THE action of Miss Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr, in telling the students that they must not talk for publication on matters pertaining to college rules and policies is to be commended. These are subjects which in all ordinary cases are not the concern of outsiders. Youthful criticism and talkative freedom concerning questions of discipline can easily be carried too far, to the injury both of the students themselves and of the college. The University of Chicago, after embarrassing experiences with irresponsible publicity, promoted its internal harmony and protected its good name from immature craters by adopting the course which President Thomas has now taken at Bryn Mawr.

Geography and Marital Ethics
 AMERICA is the only country of the world in which a citizen must take his latitude and longitude to discover whether he is married or single. Owing to the diversified and divergent marriage and divorce laws of the several States, the keeping of the Seventh Commandment is a matter of geography. Ex-President Taft is undoubtedly right in pleading for a uniformity of statutes both for marriage and divorce. If it is inadvisable to amend the Federal Constitution, or for Congress to extend Federal jurisdiction to the extent desired, the States can easily meet the situation by an interchange of views through commissioners duly appointed, to be followed by identical laws passed by their own Legislatures.

Financial Operations Soon to Resume
 IT is inconceivable that the European war should be allowed to interfere with financial exchange indefinitely. The war is likely to be prolonged for many months, and may even stretch over a period of years. Sir George Paish, until recently editor of the "Statist" and now financial adviser to the British Government, has been conferring with the Administration in Washington on the advisability of reopening the English and American stock exchanges simultaneously. If this can be done and so safeguarded that there will be no dumping of foreign-held securities, it will be a great relief to multitudes of people in America who find it necessary to negotiate their securities for pressing domestic or business needs.

"The Rivalries of Peace"
 THEBES, the city of Pindar, has been marked for destruction many times in its long history, and now a part of that country town, once the leader of Boeotia, has been ruined by an earthquake.
 After the liberties of Greece had been crushed by the battle of Cheronea, Thebes joined in the rebellion against the power of Macedonia, and in 335 B. C. the city was taken by Alexander, who leveled it to the ground, sparing only the house of Pindar. Twenty years later Thebes was rebuilt.
 The ancient city is closely associated with the series of epics suggested by the names Oedipus, Antigone, Creon, Amphion, Dirce. The epic poet sings of wars; Pindar celebrates "the rivalries of peace." From him we receive that phrase.

In the Army-Navy game, the Army is now 14,765,322 words in advance.

Knifing the State Democrats, Al Jennings declares himself a candidate for the title of "The Villa of Oklahoma."

Fearing to be accused of reticence in the light of recent railroad developments, Mr. Meilen takes the stand again.

At the Federal District Court Uncle Sam presents the Steel Trust in Mr. W. Wilson's famous unscrupulous act, a series of dissolving views.

Reports of the burning of a German Zepplin say that it "went up in smoke." Rather unusual—heretofore it has been more common for them to come down in smoke.

About 6 o'clock these afternoons watch the vacant lot for a bonfire and the kitchen for half a dozen missing potatoes. It's the weather that does it.

"Work, not charity, is to be the aim of Councils." Unfortunately the quotation doesn't stop there. Later advice reports that the aim applies only to the unemployed, dual officeholders barred.

THE HANDS OF ESAU

The People's Fight for Rapid Transit, Hardly Begun, Must Not be Sidetracked. Wage-earners' Need of Facilities Measured in Time and Dollars—Transportation a Fascinating Story of Changes in Motive Power.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

FOREWORD
 "Philosophers have explained space. They have not explained time. It is the inexplicable raw material of everything. Out of it you have to spin health, pleasure, money, content, respect and the evolution of your immortal soul."—Arnold Bennett.

Better government in Philadelphia is being slowly strangled. The Blankenburg Administration of a few city offices expresses better government just as completely as an anti-Tammany Administration does in New York. The cold fingers of "The Organization," Philadelphia's Tammany, twisting dexterously through a phibic majority in Council and officials under control, are pressing hard on its windpipe. Unless pried off by the people themselves strangulation of better government must ensue. In the modest palaces behind the myriad two-story red brick fronts of working Philadelphia dwell the real beneficiaries of better government. Their support alone means better government. The worst that can be said of people who toil is that they are sometimes too tired to study a public subject—SOMETIMES, NOT ALWAYS.

NO. VIII—RAPID TRANSIT
 INTIMATE association with the great cities of the world is said to invest them with the identical characteristics of individuals. Why not discover in cities the maladies of individuals as well? Arnold Bennett has taken this liberty with foreign capitals. New York diagnosed is surely suffering from elephantiasis. As for Philadelphia, we all concede she has a poor circulation, and some dare affirm a rush of blue blood to the head.
 Now, recognizing the presence of a poor circulation is going quite far enough. No need to single out Rittenhouse Square, for, after all, its ascribed symptoms are common to Boston and Baltimore, and are not alarming. Besides, the rest of us must look to the quality folk and the people on their calling lists to finance the only cure for the city's impaired and run down circulation—Philadelphia's new rapid transit development with universal free transfers.

There are few cities in the care of a Mayor who can remember transit conditions before there were horse cars. But Philadelphia has a chief executive who can, and who also can look into the future and see high-speed elevated lines running to Darby and Frankford, a subway under Broad street, and to end, and a tube to Camden. This is why Mayor Blankenburg put brains in charge of the Department of City Transit—Director A. Merritt Taylor—and unless the "Hands of Esau" interfere, the arteries of travel, as well as Philadelphia itself, will be purged forever of the adjective "slow."

"Impossible for any influence to interfere now," you say disdainfully. "Did not the entire business community speak out vigorously for the new lines in a recent meeting?"

Friend citizen, you have only begun to fight for rapid transit. What do "the hands" care about the wishes of either the business or working people? If they are well filled they slip contentedly into capacious side pockets. But if they are not (this time it looks like they are going to be empty), then watch out, for they are sure to try to pluck the heart out of the whole transit program.

How? Well, they have three chances, as follows:

1. In Councils, which august body must provide the funds necessary to build the new lines, approve the routes, award the contracts and ratify the agreement reached by Director Taylor with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.
 2. Before the Public Service Commission, which State board must pass upon the public necessity of the new transit facilities and contracts with existing companies; also approve of the routes.
 3. Among the stockholders of the Union Traction Company, a majority of whom must ratify the agreement reached by Mr. Taylor with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company before the latter corporation is pledged to transfer its assets and operation of the old lines. Should they fail to agree promptly, Director Taylor proposes that the city shall proceed to establish the facilities and reach an agreement as to their operation later.

New York did the same thing when the operating companies balked, but they came across in short order as soon as the city convinced them that it was in earnest by starting construction. They could not stand what would have otherwise created ridiculous competition.
 Jim McNichol and the Vares have direct wires running into all three of these centers. They control Councils. As for the stockholders of the Union Traction Company and of the P. R. T.—well, it will not do just now to tell what the finger-holds of "The Organization" are in this quarter. But they are known, and the public may some day hear some interesting explanations anent stock ownership and early franchise gifts.

Debt increase is justifiable only when it buys permanent properties and improvements of benefit and need to the whole public. Rapid transit is one of these. The project launched in Councils to spend \$12,000,000 or more for land properties in Broad street immediately south of City Hall is a prime example of ways that can be concocted to exhaust the financial resources of a city at a time when they should be conserved. Innocent citizens are drawn into the meshes of deep intrigue, never dreaming that they are being used by "the hands" to defeat by indirect methods a large project of great public necessity.

It is a famous trick, this using up the city's credit in the path of some civic betterment undesired for the moment by the contractor overlords. Tammany worked it threadbare in New York, but did not defeat rapid transit even with the added old wheeze of a "taxpayer's suit." For rapid transit is one of those insistent, forceful, determined movements that carry the strongest fortifications.

An American city with enough quiet strength to be profoundly indifferent to foreign fads has the energy to get rapid transit when it wants it. Philadelphia's far-flung population, under unnecessary physical handicaps, already senses an early freedom from the present antiquated system of transportation. But the city has shown the spirit of "brotherly love" by first offering a partnership in the new order of things to the operator of the existing lines. This is a fine attitude and deserves reciprocation in the seats of the financial mighty.

It is useless for a citizen in the habit of losing his temper to argue that the "traction interests" deserve no consideration, and that it serves no end for the city to treat with the trolley barons. This argument will not prevail against the accomplishment of universal free transfers, which spells the abolishment of 640 exchange points, where an extra three-cent fare is now charged. Think of it! A fast ride anywhere for a nickel. It comes into the public ear like the sound of sweet music and joyous laughter, of a future transit paradise.

Officials of New York were badly over-reached by their "traction interests." They failed in their big future development to provide this nice, free surface car ride from the station of the high-speed lines to the front door of the citizen. It is well in the

public interest to bargain. Even a captain of industry has been known to love his birthplace with the same degree of intensity as a poor clerk. Further, he has the gold to secure comforts for his home town which all clerks can enjoy. Tainted money? Rubbish! A dollar's conscience is the way in which it is spent.
 Of course there is the dark chance that the agreement reached by Director Taylor with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to equip and operate the new city-owned lines will be knocked out by well-hidden foes in the Union Traction Company. But even the failure of the owners of the surface lines to accept the agreement assented to by the operator company will not kill rapid transit. For the Blankenburg Administration and its heirs will proceed to establish an independent high-speed system, and in the offing there is an outside operator ready to step into the breach. This is the alternative plan—there will be time enough to go into its details if the city's overtures of peace are rejected by the owners of the existing lines.

Transportation is a fascinating story of change in motive power. Its oldest form is that of animals, those most commonly employed for draught purposes being horses and mules in this country and Great Britain, donkeys and camels in Egypt, oxen in Italy, elephants in India, and dogs in Belgium. England by statute forbade the use of dogs as a cruelty to animals. Then came urban traction service, the first car lines of Philadelphia being put in operation in 1853.

Island to Rising Sun avenue and Olney avenue, will be exchanged the transit wants of South Philadelphia and North Philadelphia. In the 8-mile subway-elevated line extending from the City Hall via the Parkway, North 25th street and Henry street to Roxborough, the northwestern section will be served and Roxborough will be relieved of her isolation and high cost of travel by reduction in fare from 10c to 5c.

Nearly 1,000,000 people live in the localities immediately adjacent to the new lines, which are estimated to cost about \$45,000,000. It is said by Mr. Taylor that in the single year of 1921, when the high-speed stems and the main delivery loop should have been finished and in operation, the saving in time alone to the users, without including the new wealth created from increased land values, will amount to nearly \$40,000,000. This saving is within \$5,000,000 of the city's part in the whole investment, and it is bound to increase with population.

It is only rapid transit that can annually work the miracle of duplicating its cost in the cash worth of new seconds, minutes and hours. Surely we have an Aladdin in town—Director Taylor, of the Department of City Transit—who gives us rapid transit and a universal five-cent fare, and pays for it all in time, for "time is money." Keep an eye on Taylor and back him up. He is of the kind who go through with an undertaking. Cheer for him. It helps.

VIEWS OF READERS

ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
 Sir—The restriction on the indorsement of woman suffrage by the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women at the Pittsburgh convention Thursday is a defeat of suffrage plans and another proof of the growing opposition among women to vote. The clubwomen, an organization, refused to indorse suffrage after a debate on the floor of the convention, led by Mrs. Horace Brock, a pioneer in the women's club movement and the first president of the Pennsylvania Federation. Mrs. Brock pleaded the neutrality of the clubs on all political and religious questions, in accordance with the original ideals and the constitution and by-laws of the Federation itself, although Mrs. Brock is an anti-suffragist and president of the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. The resolution was finally passed, the anti-suffragist claim, was framed by a committee appointed some time ago to "study woman suffrage"—who were all suffragists, in spite of numerous protests against their selection. The resolution only involved the individual indorsement of the delegates there present to morally support political equality.

In some of the women's clubs the delegates were instructed to vote for suffrage in spite of the majority of the members being opposed to it. Any stand whatever on the franchise question. Our club instructed two delegates to vote for suffrage and one against it, although the majority of the club members had been divided. The question would come up, at which the delegates would vote. This allowed 20 women who favored suffrage to sway a small quorum by a majority of only 7 votes, and thus procure the indorsement of a club of 150 members. Tactics that prove political cleverness, but no regard for the rights of all women, which the suffragists pretend to defend. I have personal knowledge and the testimony of my friends that similar methods, which the suffragists call "sleeping through" woman suffrage, have been used or tried in many other clubs. This process of gaining indorsements here and there by trickery will only serve to show clubwomen all the more that the would-be women politicians are a menace rather than a means to the general advancement along moral and educational lines that all women favor.

VIRGINIA S. GUILFORD.
 Lansdowne, Pa., October 17.

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
 Sir—Interest in the municipal election of 1911 has been revived by an editorial published in another paper, which lays claim to the credit for the election of Mr. Blankenburg. Unfortunately for the status of that claim, the facts, I believe, clearly indicate that Mr. Blankenburg was not elected by any one, but that Mr. Esau was killed. And the question to go back to Mother Goose, "Who killed Cock Robin?" is much easier to answer than the other one which the paper in question has asked in its own favor. It was Vares! Thirteen wards, which were carried for Vares in the primaries, viz., the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Philadelphia, October 19.

APPLAUDS EVENING LEDGER'S STAND

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
 Sir—I thank you for your earnest and unemotional editorials on women's rights, duties, privileges or responsibilities as they are comprehended in the term "suffrage." In the editorial of October 7 you do not make a plea for the right of suffrage, but are content to state the conditions that confront this generation of men and women. You plainly recognize that they must both have the same instrument to maintain their position in similar social and economic conditions. It is particularly gratifying to hear of the women's parties and the men of their most real position, i. e., as equal bearers with men of all that oppress or to all that aids humanity. I thank you for these frank expressions of your attitude.

MAUDE B. HANSCHKE.
 Philadelphia, October 19.

AGAINST "SCRAPPLE"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
 Sir—As a devotee of the EVENING LEDGER, I feel it my duty to enter a protest at the substitution of "Scrapple" for "In a Spirit of Humor," or "Thou Nameless Column," as you happily termed it at one time—a change which, I notice in today's paper (October 19), but which is not, I trust, permanent one. Scrapple is all right for those who have a good, strong constitution, but for most of us it proves to be a little too heavy on the "tummy."

NARBERTH, Pa., October 19.

THE IDEALIST

It is a rare treat to witness a scene wherein a man retains poise in the face of sudden misfortune.

To one uneducated in human nature the impressions which such a scene gives are quite often erroneous. For instance, a business man may be deeply immersed in the work upon his desk when suddenly a message arrives announcing death or some serious circumstance at his home.

If the man does not forthwith launch into convulsions of grief the casual observer is quite apt to put him down as an unhuman, soulless species of blood and stone.

But the exact opposite of this is quite often true.

A strong man does not necessarily display all the emotions which come to him in any one of the strong man display all the high temper that is in him.

We frequently catch people who are excited and high-strung high tempered. The really high-tempered man is often a fellow who keeps the public exhibitions of his temper down to a minimum.

THE BABBLING FOOL

One difference between Philadelphia and the city of the New Jerusalem is this: The streets of one are paved with gold and the streets of the other are so dirty that you can't tell what they are paved with.

The moral status of society is better told by the number of men taking baths at Maribach and other resorts than by the number attending the weekly prayer meetings.

The purist who refuses to "eat meat" out of respect for the other fellow's conscience would be willing to die in his boots if the conscience of the other fellow interfered with things more vital than a breakfast.

"Virtue is its own reward," but some men would go out of business if they depended upon virtue for a living. Vulgarly, variety and vice pay bigger salaries than purity, peace and piety.

The good are lonely. There is no club made up of Pike's Peaks. The devil always has company.

Hell knows no fury like a woman who is "sassed" by an impudent street car conductor.

SCRAPPLE

THE KAISER'S OWN MOTHER GOOSE

Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall! All the King's horses and all the King's men are taking Humpty to Paris again.
 *August 1 to September 22, 1914.

George-Porgie
 George-(V)-Porgie, puddin' and pie, Helped the French. I'll make him cry. When the guns begin to play, George-Porgie'll run away.

Little Jack Horner
 Little Jacques Hornaire sat in a corner Eating a Belgian pie. I cut off his thumb, which struck him quite dumb; Oh, what a great bully am I!

Peace Also Begins at Home
 "Is it true," asked the society reporter, "that you and several other neighbors have contributed to a fund to send Mr. Brown's daughter abroad to finish her education?" "Absolutely," replied the gentleman addressed, "as president of our local peace society I headed the list."

Frequently
 "Paw, what's a political associate?" "A person to blame when one is caught, my son."

Tale of the Faddist
 A certain man was foe to every fad; He held them to be vacuous and bad. No man, he said, could do his best at work Who had a fad to make him loaf and shirk. He strove to prove to all that he was right, And all his leisure time went in the fight.

Men simply laughed his mutterings to scorn, Until with strong man's anger he was torn. And so he made of fads a lengthy list To learn that there were thousands he had missed.

For some men's fads are based on secret stuff, And those of others make their vassals gruff. Undaunted, grim, he faced the endless toll Of listing them; he burned the midnight oil.

Employees ran his firm, for business irked, And all his time on fighting fads he worked. He did not know that all the time he gave Unto his hobby made of him its slave.

Defined
 "Paw, what's a bore?" "A poor listener, my son."

It Never Stops
 "Isn't it extravagant to have all these gas lights burning?" inquired his wife. "No," said her husband hopelessly. "We might as well have the light; the meter works anyhow."

Investigated
 "Did you investigate this report of grafting by the men of the force?" asked the chief of police. "Sure," said the captain, "I asked them and they said there's nothing to it."

The Passionate Eugenicist to His Love
 (Half-credit to Chris Marlowe)
 Come live with me and be my love, And we'll examine pleasures prove. We'll be examined, tested, tried, And have our morals certified.

All purified of earthly sin, Untouched by passion's pains or graces, To higher marriage we will win, And chaste and angelic embrace.

No vulgar passions—love nor hate; We stand above them and beside. For I shall be your mental mate, And you my scientific bride.

Paradoxical
 "Funny thing about political whitewash." "What?" "It's generally made up of black lies."

An International Puzzle
 "That Englishman thinks us a very wonderful people." "He didn't have to come all the way from London to find that out, did he?"

Why They Fight
 The German theatres will continue to play Shakespeare. An Italian opera company has barred Wagner's "Parsifal." German authors may be expelled from French libraries. Shakespeare—New items.

An Italian rook speaks in the manner of "Persius Odi—":
 The art of the German I cannot abide, I hate that Wagnerian stuff; The Tristan and Siegfried that issued from the Wahner's pen.

Are more than enough!
 I don't mind their guns and I'm fond of their powder, The charge of their legions is sturdy; But it's me for the fray to keep Wagner away, And cheer for Puccini and Verdi!

A French conscript takes it up:
 Mais j'aime les Allemands, je les aime alermal toujours.

As soldiers they're perfectly splendid; But Sudermann's art is so frightfully poor I can't see their empire extended.

A more liberal-minded Uhlan answers:
 Being brought up on Shakespeare, with sentimentalism, And kindly the British's force I survey, I know Byron by heart, for when I was a child I was taught by my mother, the easiest way.

I really love their English art; I find it deep and inspiring; I have a truly English heart—Aber Gott! How I hate their firing.

Caught
 "Pity about Smithers; he failed again." "I'd say his creditors ought to be